



City of Annapolis
Annapolis Heritage Commission
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c/o Lisa Craig

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April 24, 2013

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its April 24, 2013 meeting at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. **Chairman** Mack called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Commissioners Present: Chair Mack, Haight, Worden, Clark, McWilliams, Engelke, Hayes-Williams, Cropper

Commissioners Absent: Holland, Bowen, Ramirez

Staff: Craig-Board Liaison

Guest: A. Moran of ACCS, Alderwoman Finalyson, Lahr, Apter

Committee for Signage-Plaque on 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington

Alderwoman Finlayson introduced those members of the 1963 March on Washington Committee that were present and explained that the Committee was charged with identifying a location for the plaques commemorating the 1963 March on Washington. She referred to an article in the Capital that notified the public that the plaque will be located in the City and solicited names. The Committee identified five locations and selected Whitmore Park as its final selection. This park is located across from the Arundel and was selected because of its significance to the event. The plaques are intended to acknowledge the Annapolitans that attended the march. A site meeting has been scheduled for May 2, 2013 to identify the specific location on the site for the monument. She distributed photographs of the Coretta Scott King monument located at the Sojourner Douglass College site in Edgewater and this monument will resemble it. There is a dedication on the anniversary which is August 28, 2013.

Ms. Lahr noted that Annapolis is very special place for Civil Rights because it is the location of the Martin Luther King monument and the Coretta Scott King garden. She believes that the project will be very well received. Alderwoman Finlayson said the Council supports the project. Ms. Hayes-Williams stated that the Whitmore Park is owned by the County and will that impact the project. Alderwoman Finlayson responded that the Mayor is working with the County Executive to develop an approval agreement.

Mr. Apter explained that the project rationale is to educate the residents on the march while having a monument to acknowledge the efforts of those who made such a sacrifice. He read the first and last paragraph of the language that will be on the plaque. He referred members to the website igg.me/at/mlk-annapolis.com if they are interested in contributing. Ms. Craig suggested that the Committee produces a brochure that describes the story. He explained that the Committee will be encouraging the City and County to work together to refurbishing the park before the August 28, 2013 dedication.

Peggy Kimbel Way

Alderwoman Finlayson provided background on this agenda item indicating that Ms. Peggy Kimbel was a community leader and passed away several months ago. The Council passed a resolution to give Maryland Avenue a sub name of Peggy Kimbel Way. On May 4, 2013, there will be rededication of the street.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haight moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion passed in a vote of 9-0.

February 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Haight moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded. The motion passed in a vote of 9-0.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Names – Review of Current Approval Process

Ms. Hayes-Williams identified three types of street naming methods 1) change of name, 2) memorial/honorary or 3) new construction. She asked the ACH to consider the process for example if the name change requires Council approval. She noted that ACH has to also consider the message being relayed with the name change so suggested that the ACH review the table to develop guidelines to be follow for all new street naming i.e. whether it requires a resolution or inclusion in the Code. Ms. Craig agreed to consult Mr. Arason on the best approach but suggested that ACH draft something for discussion. Mr. Haight asked that Ms. Craig also consult Mr. Arason regarding the new construction projects in the pipeline that the ACH can review and comment.

Ms. McWilliams moved that staff consult with Mr. Arason regarding a six-month moratorium on street naming to allow ACH review and input on new construction. The motion was seconded. **Chairman** Mack believes that the Historic Markers subcommittee should discuss this and bring comments to the ACH. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0. (Engelke dissents)

2. Input on members for a Maynard Burgess House Interpretive Committee

Ms. Craig provided an update on the schematic interpretive plan for the Maynard Burgess House from Molly Ridout distributed at the February meeting. The HPC reviewed the proposed rehabilitation program. The MHT did a site visit and revised their original comments to address the siding and weatherization. All of the plaster has been removed from the interior making it easier to review. The plan is to remove the siding to ensure preservation of the historic material. Once the siding is removed, a subwall can be installed then weatherization and reinstallation of the siding. The project will include a small bathroom as a requirement since the building is being used for governmental use. The grant funding from African American Preservation Heritage will provide a match to the City funds. The next phase of the project will be the interpretive portion. She requested volunteers to serve on the Committee to help develop standards. Ms. McWilliams, Mr. Haight and Ms. Hayes-Williams agreed to serve on the Committee.

3. Living Landmarks Awards for 2013 - Nominees

Ms. Craig clarified that there were 2 nominees for the Living Landmarks award submitted at the February 20, 2013 meeting. There were three additional people nominated at the meeting. Ms. Hayes-Williams agreed to provide write up on her nominee.

Ms. Engelke moved to nominate the five people suggested by the ACH for the 2013 Living Landmarks award. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0. Ms. Craig agreed to work with the Mayor and Ms. Pindell-Charles on acceptable date in July.

4. 2013 National Continental Congress Festival/Exhibit Materials

Ms. Moran is a volunteer with the National Continental Congress and briefly discussed the effort to recognize the significant role that Annapolis played in the formation of United States; as well as bridging the end of the Revolutionary War and the Constitutional Convention. This will be a four day festival scheduled for September 11-14, 2013 to coincide with the actual convention held in Annapolis in 1786. There will be national/local speakers and reenactment of the convention put on by the colonial players. A special program recognizing the Treaty of Paris will be held at the Maryland Inn on May 7, 2013. The Continental Congress Society (CCS) is interested in City volunteers and is in the process of raising funds. Ms. McWilliams expressed concern that the material specifically on John Hanson included some errors. The ACH expressed concern with the use of the City logo until the information submitted has been verified. It was the consensus of the ACH that the **Chairman** drafts a letter to the CCS expressing concerns regarding the authenticity of the data.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Engelke invited the ACH to the celebration in honor of her husband.

Ms. Hayes-Williams noted that the Annapolis Heritage Commission does not exist on the website and requires a resolution to change the name. Ms. Craig noted that there is someone who will make the resolution so this will be resolved.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. ACH Organization Chart

This agenda item was deferred to the June 5, 2013 meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 5:30pm at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. With there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Mr. Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

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